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98. (New) The method of claim 82, further comprising the step of transporting said workpieces to and from stations of said facility grouped as transport batches within a mobile magazine.

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99. (New) The method of claim 82, further comprising the step of mutually and controllably isolating at least a part of stations provided at said facility.

REMARKS

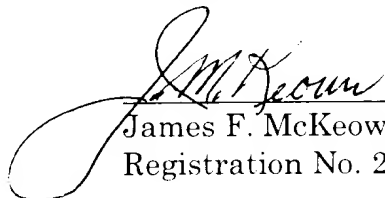
Early and favorable action on the above claims is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #622/43633C3).

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